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By: **Senator Mitchell**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Community College Transfer Student Grants -**
3 **Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a program of community college transfer student
5 grants; requiring the Higher Education Commission, in conjunction with certain
6 institutions of higher education, to establish and administer the program;
7 establishing certain qualifications for a grant recipient; establishing the use and
8 maximum amount of a grant; establishing that a grant is in addition to certain
9 other State awards; providing for the renewal of a grant; requiring the
10 Commission to distribute certain funds to certain institutions of higher
11 education for the award of grants; providing for funding of the grant program;
12 requiring the Commission to adopt certain guidelines and regulations; requiring
13 certain institutions of higher education to provide a certain audit; defining
14 certain terms; and generally relating to the establishment of a program of
15 community college transfer student grants.

16 BY adding to

17 Article - Education

18 Section 18-14A-01 through 18-14A-07, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle

19 "Subtitle 14A. Community College Transfer Student Grants"

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

1 **Article - Education**

2 SUBTITLE 14A. COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT GRANTS.

3 18-14A-01.

4 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
5 INDICATED.6 (B) "COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT GRANT" MEANS A GRANT TO
7 A STUDENT WHO:8 (1) TRANSFERS FROM A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE TO AN
9 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION; AND

10 (2) OTHERWISE QUALIFIES FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

11 (C) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS A 4-YEAR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
12 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

13 18-14A-02.

14 IN CONJUNCTION WITH ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS, THE COMMISSION SHALL
15 ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER
16 STUDENT GRANTS.

17 18-14A-03.

18 A RECIPIENT OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT GRANT SHALL:

19 (1) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;

20 (2) HAVE EARNED 60 COLLEGE CREDITS OR AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE
21 FROM A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE;22 (3) ENROLL OR BE ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE
23 STUDENT IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION;24 (4) DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED UNDER CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY
25 THE COMMISSION;

26 (5) APPLY FOR A FEDERAL PELL GRANT;

27 (6) BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID
28 PROGRAMS;29 (7) IF ALREADY ENROLLED IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, BE MAKING
30 SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD A DEGREE IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE ELIGIBLE
31 INSTITUTION; AND

1 (8) BEGIN ATTENDING AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION WITHIN 3 YEARS OF
2 EARNING THE REQUIRED 60 COLLEGE CREDITS OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR, FAILING
3 TO DO SO, PROVIDE EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE COMMISSION OF
4 EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

5 18-14A-04.

6 (A) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT GRANT SHALL BE IN THE
7 AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION BUT NOT EXCEEDING THE
8 LESSER OF:

9 (1) ANNUAL TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT THE ELIGIBLE
10 INSTITUTION; OR

11 (2) THE EQUIVALENT ANNUAL TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT THE
12 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK.

13 (B) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT GRANT MAY BE USED FOR
14 TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

15 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, A
16 COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT GRANT IS IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER
17 STATE AWARD THAT IS AVAILABLE TO THE STUDENT UNDER THIS TITLE, UP TO A
18 TOTAL STATE AWARD NOT EXCEEDING TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT THE
19 ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

20 (D) A RECIPIENT OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT GRANT
21 MAY RENEW THE AWARD TWO TIMES IF THE RECIPIENT REMAINS ELIGIBLE FOR THE
22 GRANT UNDER § 18-14A-03 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

23 18-14A-05.

24 (A) THE COMMISSION ANNUALLY SHALL DISTRIBUTE FUNDS, BASED ON THE
25 NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE INSTITUTION WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A
26 GRANT, TO ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS FOR THE AWARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE
27 TRANSFER STUDENT GRANTS.

28 (B) FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT GRANT
29 PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY
30 THE GOVERNOR.

31 18-14A-06.

32 THE COMMISSION SHALL:

33 (1) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE
34 TRANSFER STUDENT GRANTS; AND

35 (2) ADOPT ANY OTHER GUIDELINES OR REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO
36 ADMINISTER THIS SUBTITLE.

1 18-14A-07.

2 AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDS UNDER THIS
3 SUBTITLE SHALL PROVIDE THE COMMISSION WITH AN ANNUAL AUDIT DESCRIBING
4 THE DISPOSITION OF THE FUNDS.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 July 1, 2001.